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OHS STUDENT GAVIN LINDSEY RECOGNIZED AT RE-1J MEETING; BOARD OF EDUCATION HEARS DEMOGRAPHIC PRESENTATION



OHS Senior Gavin Lindsey, at podium above, is a 1st generation college student, Boettcher Scholarship Winner, and is also accepting a Harvard Honors Scholarship.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education gathered for a regular meeting at District offices on Tuesday, April 13. In attendance were Board President Gayle Johnson, Vice President Sarah Fishering, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District A Director Jeff Bachman, District G Director Stephen Bush and District D Director Shawn Carroll. District F Director Eric Kelley was not present for the session.

Superintendent Carrie Stephenson announced that with Montrose County's move to Green on the COVID-19 dial, masks are now optional at Board of Education meetings. "We are mask optional...I want you to feel comfortable either wearing your mask or not wearing

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CITY TO SWEAR IN GREENACRE AS NEW MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; IN PERSON MEETINGS REMAIN CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will hold a work session at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 19, and a regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20.

WORK SESSION

Though COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted in Montrose County, the work session will not be accessible in person to the public or media. The agenda states, "Due to the restrictions associated with the COVID-19 emergency, public participation for this meeting will be virtual at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AU3wzzowTdiXlhZGCHM8Dg. ...The meeting can also viewed live on the City of Montrose website, www.cityofmontrose.org, on Channel 191, and on Channel 970."

Five new City employees will be welcomed by Council:

- Community Program Specialist Briceida Ortega;
- Public Works Customer Service Representative Kristen Bovre;
- Black Canyon Golf Course Line Cook Lucy Fresquez;
- Police Officer Bobbie Rossiter;
- Police Officer Ruben Trujillo.

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Charles Greenacre will take the Oath of Office as Municipal Court Judge April 20. With more than 25 years of experience, "It's a great opportunity," he said. As Judge, Greenacre will retain the current staff; "They're top notch."

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**LACE UP & POWER ON FOR GIRLS ON THE
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Spring Virtual 5K May 12-19

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Girls on the Run of Western Colorado is finishing up the 3rd week of **IN PERSON** Spring Programming with 600 3rd-8th grade girls participating at 41 sites all over Western Colorado! The teams will be celebrating the end of programming with an "on-site" 5K.

For community runners, family and friends Girls on the Run Western Colorado will be hosting a Spring Virtual 5K.

Participation in the Spring Virtual 5K is open to the public and all proceeds from the event will benefit Girls on the Run of Western Colorado. The Spring Virtual 5K is in lieu of the TWO in-person 5Ks hosted every spring across Western Colorado. We will miss the energy in Fruita and Montrose, but we are so excited that girls can have in person programming and "on-site" 5K after a challenging year!

The cost for the Spring Virtual 5K is \$50 for a family of 4, \$15 for an individual and \$10 for a canine. A finisher's certificate will be emailed to all registered participants after May 19 To sign up or for more information please visit www.gotrwesterncolorado.org

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

EXCAVATION BEGINS APRIL 19 FOR MONTROSE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Construction of the new Montrose Public Safety Complex (MPSC) has begun with heavy machinery performing site preparation work along South First Street on the city's downtown civic campus.

On April 13 the city's contractor, Shaw Construction, began installing safety fencing around the site. With heavy machinery now traversing the site on a daily basis, the public is prohibited from entering the construction area. Construction is expected to take about one year to complete.

This week Shaw Construction updated the site plan for the MPSC, which will allow traffic access to the Centennial Plaza parking lot.

Heavy machinery can be expected at the site's entry points along South First Street and at a gate on Uncompahgre Avenue

near South Second Street.

The site's main gate and equipment staging area will be located on South Second Street at the entrance of the All Points Transit center.

On Monday, April 19, massive excavation work will begin to make way for the building's foundation. Structural concrete work for the complex is expected to begin in May.

In 2019 Montrose voters approved ballot measure 2A, increasing city sales taxes to fund the hiring of additional police officers and support staff as well as the construction of the new MPSC, which will become the future home of the Montrose Police Department.

In March the City Council officially authorized \$16,212,884 for the construction of the MPSC.

Funding comes from the certificates of participation that were issued on behalf

of the project, City of Montrose Public Safety Sales Tax, and General Fund operations.

Designs of the MPSC include modern technology that will allow officers to sync their body-worn and in-car equipment with the building's digital infrastructure for evidence retention and storage.

The effort to build a new MPSC began in 2018 when a group of concerned citizens representing Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers brought data to the City Council that they believed supported their conclusion that police services in the city were greatly understaffed and underfunded.

To ensure the public's safety during construction, Shaw Construction has created an avenue for people to contact the company with questions and/or concerns by contacting Ty Withee at 970.248.2639 or via email at tywith-ee@shawconstruction.net.



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SHELTER INSURANCE (MEGAN WILSON) INKS AGREEMENT AS PRESENTING SPONSOR OF THE FAIR & RODEO

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The 135th Montrose County Fair and Rodeo starts the year ahead in sponsorships with a large commitment from Shelter Insurance (Megan Wilson). Shelter Insurance signed on as the presenting sponsor for this year's "This is Our Country" fair and rodeo. Sponsor dollars are used to help fund entertainment, support the junior livestock participants, community participants, and provide operating capital for the event.

Shelter Insurance (Megan Wilson) began supporting the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo in 2017 as the Presenting sponsor for the concert, and continued at that level until the Fair Board went away from concerts as an entertainment option. Personally, Megan was involved as the Fair Board President from 2015-2018, and has remained an integral part of the Fair since. "We are extremely pleased and excited to be the presenting sponsor for the 2021 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo. We

couldn't be prouder to be involved in this 135-year-old tradition that continues to bring our community together," said Megan Wilson of the independently owned Shelter Insurance Agency. "This year's theme; "This is Our Country" is very timely and we look forward to being a part of a series of events that shines a spotlight on our rural heritage."

Chris Cohick, Fair Board President, acknowledged Shelter Insurance's (Megan Wilson's) commitment to our fair as he noted, "The Montrose County Fair Board would like to thank Shelter Insurance (Megan Wilson) for their support and commitment to our Montrose County Youth with this community-oriented sponsorship, as this year's presenting sponsor of the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo. Megan has been an integral part our Fair in the past and has really proven her continuing support by becoming the presenting sponsor of the 2021 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo. We truly appreciate Shelter's involvement, look forward to our future relationship with them and are honored to have our event carry the Shelter Insurance name."

To learn more about this year's fair, please visit montrosecountyfairand rodeo.com.

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Coroner's Office News Release

MONTROSE-During the late evening hours of Saturday April 10, 2021, Christopher Impson, a 43-year-old male from Montrose, Colorado was killed in a vehicle / pedestrian accident at the 16400 Block of South Townsend Avenue. The case is currently under investigation by the Montrose Police Department and the Montrose County Coroner's Office of Medical Investigation. The cause and manner of death are pending the results of an autopsy and toxicology analysis.

*Rick Fellabaum, Chief Medical Investigator
Montrose County Coroner's Office*



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4/26 - SELFIE WITH THE E.V. CHARGING STATIONS
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4/27 - ADOPT-A-TRAIL

4/28 - ADOPT-A-STREET

4/29 - RECYCLE 411

4/30 - NATIONAL ARBOR DAY! | SPRING CLEANUP

5/1 - SPRING CLEANUP



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The Montrose County RE-1J Board of Education heard a demographic presentation by Shannon Bingham of Western Demographics, Inc., below left, on April 13.

your mask.”

Board of Education President Gayle Johnson called the meeting to order; all joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as presented.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Board of Education welcomed a visit from Olathe Senior Gavin Lindsey, a Student Boettcher Scholarship Winner who is also accepting a Harvard Honors Scholarship. RE-1J Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins introduced Lindsey and shared a video he created with Lindsey earlier in the week.

In Jenkins’ video, Lindsey said, “...Getting the Boettcher scholarship and then finding out just a few weeks later that I got into Harvard just made me super excited. My heart’s still palpitating out of my chest...I am the first in my family to go to college. Being a first-generation student, obviously Harvard was just huge to me.”

He said that he found opportunity growing up with his family in Olathe and attending school with the same students K-12. “I have been part of a very vibrant community...having the best peer group,

teachers and advisors I could have.”

Lindsey intends to double major in political science/international relations with a concentration in global diplomacy and a minor in Arabic studies.

Following the video, Lindsey was personally introduced by Olathe High School Principal Scot Brown.

“Congratulations!” Superintendent Carrie Stephenson said.

“My heart’s still palpitating out of my chest,” Lindsey said. “It’s still unreal.” District B Director Jacob Suppes said that as an Olathe alumni himself, he is very proud of Lindsey.

“That’s exciting for our school district,” Johnson said. “It really speaks well that you are going so far.”

Lindsey said he could not have done it without the people who have helped him, his family, and his little brother. “It takes a village.”

Johnson asked Lindsey, “So what was the toughest class you’ve had?”

“I’m actually currently in it,” Lindsey said, adding that his OHS physics class is “kicking him by the tail.”

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS/ DONATIONS

Jenkins read a [list of donations to RE-1J](#), including:

- The Friends of Youth and Nature awarded teacher Jan Congour and Northside Elementary School funding for the NES Garden Project. The funds of \$5,111 will be used to purchase an Overholt shed with solar tubes, compost bin along with other materials to create a garden which the students will tend and cultivate.

- Olathe Middle High School received a total of \$3000 from two anonymous donations. These funds have been designated to help the band program.

- Peak Virtual Academy has received donations this month; The Alaska Community Foundation through the Michael Jakeman Fund has donated \$999; the Sherman Family (Montrose Cause, Inc. Tri State G&T) has made a donation of \$1,000; Jolly Smiles has donated \$100; TJ Cycles & Offroad LLC has donated \$250; The Mathieu Family has donated \$200 (from a coin jar); Charles & Valerie Doman donated \$100 (from a coin jar); the Peak Sweatshirt Fundraiser received \$100 to donate. Funds will be used towards the Peak Green Space Project and play space fundraiser.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

RE-1J Director of Finance Emily Imus presented an [updated enrollment report](#). April enrollment totals 5,744.

NEW PURCHASING CARD PROCEDURES

Imus also reviewed [new purchasing card procedures](#). She said that the business office has completed an audit of all Tech Dept. transactions over the last few years, looking at vendors most used and sorting to see the highest amounts paid to vendors. “We looked for repetitive patterns, red flag items, anything suspicious,” Imus said.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Property Services Director Philip Bailey presented the [final board package](#) as well as a [demographic and enrollment report](#) prepared by a subconsultant, Western Demographics, Inc. He thanked the Board of Education for their support.

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Bailey said that the master plan advisory committee would meet the following day for the first time.

"If you're by, stop in, but don't get in the way 'cause we're gonna get some stuff done. This is a multi-faceted plan, and exciting," Bailey said. "It's gonna position us, to let our public know, where we need to steer this spaceship."

Bailey also introduced consultants who will be working on the Facilities Master Plan, including RTA Architecture Principal Stuart Coppedge, who provided an overview of the master planning process.

"The demographics at this point are really key to the whole thing," Coppedge said, and introduced his team. Every building in the district has been gone through very carefully, he said. "We took a lot of photos, a lot of dictation."

Coppedge said that are some consultants who are working directly for the school district. "You all have four consultants that oftentimes are part of our team, but in this case they're working directly for you all, which has been a different dynamic but it's actually working out very, very well.

"FCI Construction is going to be doing the cost estimating once we come up with a whole list of projects and things that we think are recommended for your district," Coppedge said.

"...We're here to help you guys really create the plan that's good for you in the future," he said, adding that the plan will be online and will be constantly updated. "We're creating living documents," he said.

The planning process kicked off in February, is now in the synthesis phase, and completion is expected by the end of the year.

"It will be a total plan that will outline what you want to do with your schools for the next umpteen years," Coppedge said, and introduced the demographic presentation.

Demographic subconsultant Shannon Bingham discussed his presentation in extensive detail, first giving credit to those he worked with during the process, including Montrose City Planner Amy Sharp, Stephanie Yeager of [Ridgeline Homes](#), Montrose County Planning & Development Director Steve White, Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) President Sandy Head, David Dragoo of Colorado Outdoors, John Renfrow of Renfrow Realty, Pete Newman of Leadership Circle Development, and Nathan Perry of Colorado Mesa University (CMU). "They were all very helpful," Bingham said.

Bingham said he has watched Montrose for a long time and consulted with the district in 2014 as well. "The nice thing I like about Montrose is there's housing for sale here, new housing, that's still in the \$300's," he said. "I'm still seeing some pretty affordable housing here."

Montrose appears to be on the verge of a job growth spurt, Bingham said. "Most of the indicators in town are pointing up...we are looking at probably a 15 percent uptick year over year for the coming year and the next couple of years after that."

Key findings include a positive economic cycle, he said. "We're about to have good times in Montrose."

Key findings of Bingham's report include:

- *The district is in a positive economic cycle that will continue as it emerges from the pandemic.*
- *Birth counts for the district are down and existing residents are producing fewer children.*
- *Employment has returned to pre-pandemic levels.*
- *New employers including Colorado Outdoors will continue the increase in workforce population.*
- *Housing growth will approach 300 homes per year and this growth will replace demographic decline.*
- *Growth is focused in Montrose with population in Olathe and the County stable.*

• *Enrollment at Cottonwood ES, Oak Grove ES and the High School will grow the most.*

• *There will be a post-pandemic recovery of 175 students in the Fall of 2021 and a second recovery of 76 students in Fall of 2022 as normal attendance behaviors return.*

• *Overall enrollment will grow by 431 students over the five-year period, but a significant portion of that will be pandemic recovery.*

Bingham said he has seen more families making decisions based on fear than at any other time in his career as a school planner, which began just after his job as a Gunnison River guide in 1985.

Read the [full demographic report here](#).

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER UPDATE

The Early Childhood Center Update was postponed due to the length of Bingham's presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously including the [personnel report](#), and [the remediation project](#) related to the roofing debris in the plenum space at Olathe Middle School 200 wing and Centennial Middle School south building, for a cost not-to-exceed \$1,395,998.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Vice President Sarah Fishing presented the following revised board policies on first reading:

[DJB-E, Purchasing Procedures - updated all language;](#)

[DJE, Bidding Procedures - purchase value adjusted;](#)

[JLCDB, Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students - minor language changes;](#)

[JLCDB-E, Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students - new exhibit recommended by CASB.](#)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The RE-1J Board of Education will meet for a regularly scheduled work session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

KEY DURANGO WILDLIFE HABITAT REOPENED FOR SEASON

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO-Annual seasonal closure of wildlife winter range has ended for public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the City of Durango.

These closures remained in place through April 15 to protect wintering mule deer and elk that move down from higher elevations to ride out harsh winter conditions. The agencies coordinate to identify key wildlife areas for protection while continuing to offer areas open for winter recreation.

"The public's cooperation during the winter months helps ensure that these critical areas around Durango remain optimal for wildlife that are under increased stress," said Chris Krassin, BLM acting Tres Rios Field Manager.

"The BLM is thrilled to welcome folks

back to recreate responsibly on their public lands."

Colorado Parks and Wildlife data on deer and elk movements throughout the year indicates that closing areas to human activity is necessary to protect critical foraging habitat and enable the animals to conserve energy for winter survival. The following Durango area trails are reopened to the public till December 1, when seasonal closure will resume.

Grandview Ridge

- Big Canyon and Sale Barn trailheads (access located east of U.S. Highway 160)
- South Rim Trail, portions of Sidewinder and Cowboy trails on BLM accessed from Carbon Junction Trail or Crites Connect
- Grandview BLM trails (access from Three Springs)

Animas City Mountain - BLM lands above the lower loops (approximately 1.5 miles

above the 32nd Street trailhead).

Twin Buttes Area - All upper trails as marked.

Bodo State Wildlife Area - All trails as marked.

Take note, the **Perins Peak** area east of County Road 208 and west of Hogs back is closed through July 31 to protect nesting peregrine falcons.

When recreating on public lands, remember to observe wildlife from a distance and keep dogs under control at all times. Maps and a complete list of areas affected by winter closures are available online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/recreation-activities/colorado/closures> and at both Tres Rios Field Office locations: 15 Burnett Court in Durango and 29211 Highway 184 in Dolores. For additional information, call the BLM Tres Rios Field Office at (970) 882-1120.



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NONPROFIT INVITES UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS TO MEET YOUR WATERSHED

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP) has scheduled several groups of water-related professionals to discuss their organizations' roles in the watershed, especially in the Ouray County area.

During one-hour sessions on four Wednesdays plus one Saturday field trip, young and old who are interested in water science and sociology can meet outdoors for fresh air and conversation that will increase their understanding of the Upper Uncompahgre River Watershed. All sessions are free, due to a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Non-Point Source Program, but registration is required.

The hour sessions will be on April 28, May 26, June 23, and July 28 in Dennis Weaver Park in Ridgway, Colorado.

Participants are encouraged to take the

15-minute walk or short bike ride along the handicap-accessible concrete and boardwalk trail from Ridgway to reach the event. Limited parking is also available with a five-minute walk of the park.

The first session on Wed., April 28 at 5 to 6 p.m. is about water quality monitoring and remediation.

Guest speakers are Arlen Huggins of the Colorado River Watch Program, Jeff Litteral of Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, Tanner Banks of Trout Unlimited, and a representative from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The second session on Wed., May 26, 5-6 p.m., is about water infrastructure



The Uncompahgre River at Dennis Weaver Memorial Park in Ridgway. Photo by Tanya Ishikawa.

and managed water use. Guest speakers are Benjamin Wilson of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation, and two representatives from recreation-focused nonprofits.

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Council will interview two applicants for the City's Planning Commission, Clifford F. Dodge III and Delphine Jadot.

Discussion items will include dates to Municipal Code Sections 1-2-4 and 1-9-3 as well as Wastewater Treatment Plant Centrifuge Repair.

Items scheduled for future City Council meetings and work sessions include:

- May 3-City Council Applicant Interviews;
- May 4-Mental Health Month Proclamation; City Council Vacancy Appointment; New Lodging & Entertainment Liquor License Application - Mosaic LLC;
- May 17-Municipal Court Annual Report; Special Events Alcohol Permit for FUNC Fest;
- May 18-Youth City Council Report to City Council;
- June 1-Fireworks Display Permit.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting agenda states, "Due to restrictions associated with the COVID-19 emergency, public participation for this meeting will be virtual via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kCAIBWsfSR6knGV5hPCXBg. Additional access details are available at the end of the agenda."

Judge Charles Greenacre will take the Oath of Office as Municipal Court Judge. City Council and Youth City Council will join in issuing an Earth Week Proclamation.

Council will issue the annual Arbor Day Proclamation.

Council will consider applicants Laura Baker, Clifford F. Dodge III, Delphine Jadot,

Christine Kersen, Kevin S. Kuns, and Richard J. Rogers for vacant positions on the City of Montrose Planning Commission.

Council will consider approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Montrose and Montrose County regarding the signalization of Chipeta Road and Highway 550.

Council will consider approving a new Lodging & Entertainment liquor license at 431 E. Main Street for Bliss Beauty Bar Co. LLC, doing business as Bliss Beauty Bar, for consumption on the licensed premises.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2532 on second reading, for the annexation of the Valley Ranch Addition North; Ordinance 2533 on second reading, providing for the zoning of the Valley Ranch Addition North as R-3A Medium High Density District and R-2 Low Density District; Ordinance 2534 on second reading, for the annexation of the Valley Ranch Addition South; and Ordinance 2535 on second reading, providing for the zoning of the Valley Ranch Addition South as R-1 Very Low Density District;

Council will consider passing Ordinance 2536 on second reading, for the annexation of the Highway 50 Addition, and Ordinance 2537 on second reading, zoning the Highway 50 Addition as B-2 Highway Commercial District. Council will consider approving Ordinance 2538 on second reading, amending the zoning district designation of Lot 1 of Cedar View East Minor Subdivision from R-6 Medium Density/Manufactured Housing District to B-3 General Commercial District.

As previously discussed in work session and on first reading, Council will consider approving Ordinance 2539 on second reading, vacating a right-of-way along North 2nd Street within the City of Montrose.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2540 on first reading, updating Title 4 Chapter 4, Zoning Regulations of the City of Montrose: Amending Title 4 Chapter 4 Section 12 (4-4-12) regarding B-1 Central Business District. Council will consider approving the Bear Creek Subdivision Filing No. 5 Final Plat to create 59 new residential lots and dedicate rights of way and/or easements. Council will consider the approval of \$1,752,083.17 in expenditures for construction of the Woodgate Road Realignment Project, including award of a construction contract to Mountain Valley Contracting in the amount of \$1,467,983.17, a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$59,100, and Century Link utility relocation expenditures totaling \$225,000. Council will consider approving \$1,017,669.94 in expenditures for completion of the Moving Montrose Forward 2021 Street Maintenance Project. This includes the award of a construction contract to Skip Huston Construction in the amount of \$699,269.70 for asphalt patching work and a construction contract to A-1 Chipseal Company in the amount of \$318,400.24 for slurry seal surface treatments.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

LEFT NOT INTERESTED IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, AMERICAN PEOPLE

Editor:

When Trump's tax cuts, including corporate tax rates, went into effect, the economy roared and blue collar America benefited tremendously. Enter Biden with his massive \$2.3 trillion "infrastructure plan" -- a giant tax hike disguised as a jobs program, "The largest federal tax increase since 1942" is how liberal New York Times describes it. Even worse, Biden pretends the taxes will only hit big corporations.

Don't believe a word of it.

Corporations don't suffer from increased corporate taxes. Workers do. Corporations deal with increased taxes by either increasing costs to customers, or reducing employee salaries or numbers. It's pretty simple. When you take a greater share of

money from the private sector, they have less to spend throughout the economy, and the economy slows.

Most of the spending would go to bailing out states and cities mismanaged by Democrats and payoffs to left-wing groups --- not "infrastructure". Dems know saddling the U.S. with giant taxes and enormous deficits will destroy our economy, but that's just collateral damage allowing them to achieve absolute power (one party rule).

Negative consequences to the American people are not a consideration.

Leftists are not interested in the American economy or people.

Higher taxes, unsustainable debt, open borders and the resulting chaos, corrupt

and chaotic elections, destruction of our energy independence, destroying Trump's progress in achieving peace in the middle east, freeing Iran to once again terrorize its neighbors, treating Biden family business partner China with kid gloves, making women second class citizens with Dems' so-called "Equality Act", and continuing to sow racial hatred and division are not sane actions if you care for America or its people.

Only Marxists intent on destroying America would intentionally be this ruinous.

Leftists think Americans will meekly accept being disenfranchised and living under tyranny --- a catastrophic Democrat miscalculation.

Ed Henrie, Montrose



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RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION INFORMATION

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MONTROSE-Montrose County School District will have five seats on the ballot for election this year. Four of the seats are for four-year terms and one for two years. They are:

District A - Currently held by Jeff Bachman

District C - Currently held by Gayle Johnson (Term limited)

District E - Currently held by Sarah Fishering

District F - Currently held by Eric Kelley (2-year term)

District G - Currently held by Stephen Bush

Information for potential candidates will be available in June. If you have any questions about boundaries for the director districts or general election questions, please contact Laurie Laird at 970-252-7902 or laurie.laird@mcsd.org.

DMEA POLE ATTACHMENT INSPECTIONS BEGIN APRIL 19

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Starting April 19, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) will begin inspecting and recording all telecommunication attachments on its power poles. The work will take place across the co-op's entire service territory in Montrose and Delta counties and is expected to last until October. DMEA is contracting with Osmose to conduct the work. During the inspection process, Osmose inspectors may need to enter members' properties to access the co-op's power poles. In addition to inspecting the condition of the telecommunication equipment and cables attached to the power poles, the inspectors will also catalog these items by taking photos. All Osmose vehicles will be marked and identified with DMEA contractor labels. DMEA asks for its members' cooperation in allowing contractors access to poles located on private property. Over the next six months, DMEA and Osmose will inspect approximately 40,000 poles. For more information about DMEA's pole inspection process or property access, contact Nathan Trujillo (970) 497-8741 or nathan.trujillo@dmea.com.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS & COMMENTARY

CITIZEN ENCOURAGES GREATER AWARENESS OF WHAT IS BEING TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS

Editor:

I'd like to raise awareness and increase confidence in local parents to find out what is being taught in your child's school. This is a welcome invitation from a local citizen to encourage parents to be aware of their child's education and curriculum, so our children are most benefiting from their school district. The following column was recently submitted by our Colorado State Board of Education Representative, Joyce Rankins, concerning a high school in Aspen, Colorado.

Thanks for reading and for your concern.

Jodi Woodden, Montrose, CO

SEX, RELIGION AND YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

By Joyce Rankin,
Colorado Board of Education

What is going on in your local school these days? Whether online or in-person, taxpayers, parents, school board members, teachers, principals and superintendents need to know what's going on in their schools and know the law.

Recently Aspen High School parents brought a serious problem to my attention. The principal and several teachers formed an "Equity Team." They explained it was to help them address the "complex issue of equity". No parents or community stakeholders were included on the "Team." The "Team" developed a survey that included questions of a private, personal nature and made it a required assignment. Class time was allowed for the survey to be completed and submitted. Students were instructed to submit their work anonymously.

The 40-question multiple choice survey included:

"I identify as...." and the students could choose one of the following, "male, female, transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, gender-expansive, or I prefer not to answer.

Another question wanted to know how a student identified sexually, "I am...." Heterosexual, Bisexual, Gay/Lesbian, Queer, Questioning, Asexual, or I prefer not to answer.

Another question asks: With what reli-

gious background, if any, do you most identify. There were 24 choices in this category.

The survey also asks the educational experience of your parents or guardians. Other questions include, How do you rate Aspen High School based on your direct experiences? racist or non-racist? (the "Team" used the term anti-racist), How would you rate Aspen High School based on your direct experiences? Homophobic or non-homophobic (The "Team" again used the term "anti"-homophobic).

When the survey was brought to my attention, I immediately contacted the district superintendent. He had not been aware of the survey until several parents brought it to his attention. I then consulted Colorado School Laws and a lawyer.

[Colorado law](#) is very specific. A "school district employee who requires participation in a survey...shall obtain the written consent of a student's parent or legal guardian....whether the information is personally identifiable or not, concerning...Sexual behavior and attitudes ... Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs." Colorado Board of Education Rep. Joyce Rankin

It's clear that the principal and teachers at this school broke the law. Even if a survey is anonymous, parents must be notified and give permission before it is assigned to the students.

What's Next?

The survey was given online. The students' answers remain with the company administering the survey and collecting the information.

Google Classroom was the vehicle used. The teacher provided a code for the student to access the assignment. Where do the answers now reside? Can it be traced back to the school, teacher and individual class? How will this information be used in the future? Who paid for the survey? How much did the survey and any subsequent analysis cost?

There are still unanswered questions. Parents have a right to know the answers. Could this happen again? Is it happening currently in other Colorado schools?

Colorado has laws to protect students. However, taxpayers, parents, school board members, teachers, principals and superintendents, also have a responsibility.

Joyce Rankin, from Garfield County, was re-elected in November to the State Board of Education representing the Third Congressional District. She writes columns to share with constituents in the 29 counties she represents which includes Leadville and the Lake County School District.



Joyce Rankin.
Courtesy photo.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PAVING AND UPGRADING SET FOR CO 141

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE COUNTY — The Colorado Department of Transportation, in cooperation with United Companies, will begin work on CO Highway 141 at the north end of Naturita and move north towards Gateway for approximately 35 miles. This paving and roadway upgrade project will take place from mile point 61 - 95.75. Work will begin on April 19 and continue through October.

This project consists of roadway improvements including asphalt milling and paving, shouldering, upgrading guardrails, sign replacement, and culvert repair. The paving will create smoother roads and improved driving conditions, which in turn will improve safety for the traveling public along this corridor.

Traffic Impacts

Beginning Monday, April 19, motorists will encounter road work on CO 141.

Traffic impacts include:

Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Traffic flow will be reduced to alternating single lane traffic in one to two mile increments within the project limits, with the use of flagger control. Expect up to 15 minute delays.

Speeds will be reduced to 40 mph in the work zone. Traffic fines will be doubled in the work zone.

Motorists should slow down as they approach the work zones, drive with caution, allow extra space between vehicles, and give themselves extra travel time. Travelers driving through resurfacing projects are urged to:

Slow down — Higher speeds can cause loose stones to scatter and damage vehicle paint and windshields.

Increase distance between vehicles — Space between you and other vehicles will help reduce vehicle damage caused by loose stones.

Follow work zone signage — Consider the safety of other motorists and the safety of the work crew when traveling through the project construction zone.

Use caution — Bicyclists and motorcyclists should use extreme caution during construction operations.

Project Information

For additional information about this project:

Call the project information line at 970-233-7076

Email the project team at: co141naturita-paving@gmail.com

Visit the project website at:

www.codot.gov/projects/co141-paving-naturita-north

Travelers are urged to “know before you go.”

Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

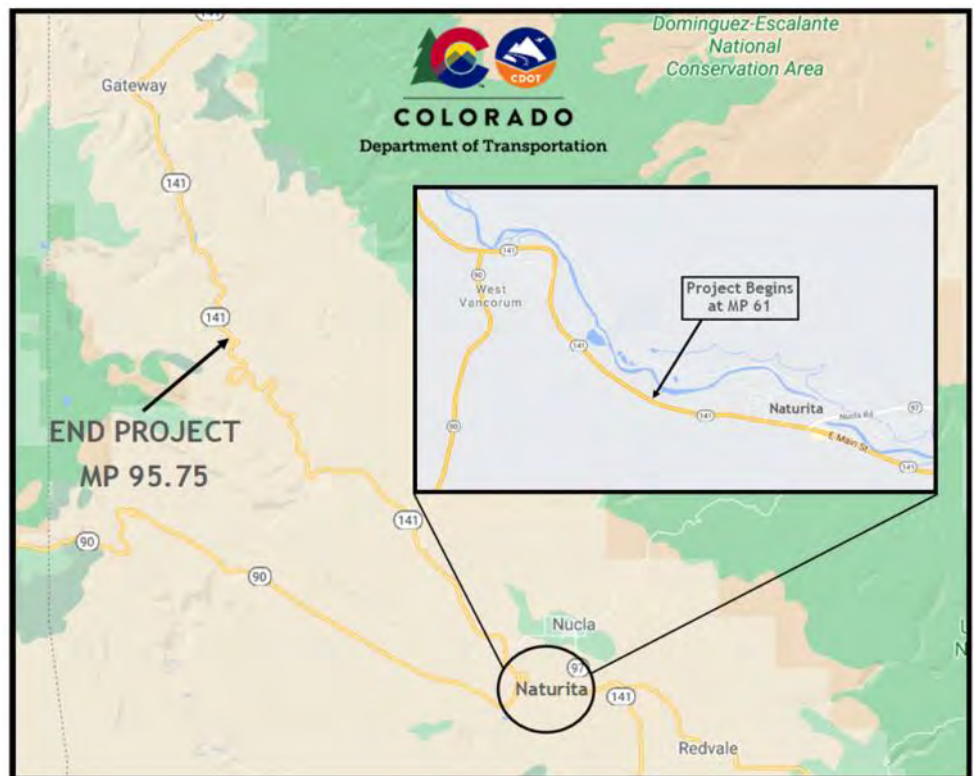
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PLEASE READ: THE EMPTY PROMISE AND UNTOLD COST OF URBAN RENEWAL IN COLORADO

Editor:

This is an opinion of one of Montrose's leading malcontents! (I believe 'malcontent' is the word I heard)

The authors of [this paper](#), Baker and Krause, did a detailed research of URAs, which is what MURA is, in 2016. This piece of detailed research was published in 2016 explaining just what the URA legislation does and does not do for the community that adopts it. Better yet it clarifies that just about NO city in Colorado that went this route up until then has reaped anything except massive debt and virtually NO reward. THIS DOCUMENT WAS AVAILABLE WHEN BILL BELL SOLD THIS IDEA TO THE THEN CITY COUNCIL. If Mr. Bell knew of its existence when he proposed MURA he is culpable; if he did not know of it he is incompetent. Either way the blame for this mess lies at his door. There is no better description of the URA idea than that it's a bad deal for the community that adopts it. The authors, among many other findings, found that the only benefits go to the contractors who receive the funds. If he found about the document subsequent to his foisting the idea off on council, he had an obligation to bring it to their attention and stop the progress of the MURA until council could figure out why Montrose would be able to achieve a more positive outcome than all the others who tried it.

We can see that in the case with Colorado Outdoors. Your city council gave them around \$10,000,000 at inception and after four years of producing NOTHING have come back for more. And council gave it to them. Question is, "Who is getting the money?" (Just the interest on \$10 million is \$500,000 and someone, not the city of Montrose, got that)

Read Baker and Krause's expose and the answer is there. Even the dumbest among us can figure that one out!

So now Mr. Bell is getting heat and has decided that the City Council/MURA needs a retreat to talk about it. That is because he got a lot of negative vibes from some members of MURA and now he wants to have "Choir Practice". I bet there will be no press at that retreat. Anyone who refuses to sing the 'right' tune will soon be gone.

Our way of government says that it is a "Government of the people, by the people and for the people". Well in Montrose it is not. Once they are elected our council are pawns of Mr. Bell and he (and them) could care less what the citizens think.

Bill Bennett

Montrose Malcontent

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

2021 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION IS OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The [2021 Congressional Art Competition](#) is open for submissions. The winner's piece will be showcased in the Capitol.

Qualifying Students: Any **High School Student attending** school in Colorado's Third Congressional District.

How to Submit Artwork: Students must mail their artwork to their respective Third Congressional Regional Office. (Mailing addresses for each of these three offices can be found at Boebert.house.gov)

-Grand Junction Regional Office includes school districts in: Mesa, Delta, Montrose, Ouray, Gunnison, Pitkin, Lake, Eagle, Jackson, Routt, Garfield, Rio Blanco, and Moffat Counties

-Pueblo Regional Office includes school districts in: Pueblo, Huerfano, Costilla, Conejos, Alamosa, Rio Grande, Mineral, Saguache, and Custer Counties

-Durango Regional Office includes school districts in: La Plata, Archuleta, Montezuma, San Juan, Dolores, San Miguel, and San Juan Counties

Important Dates: Artwork must be received by the student's respective regional offices no later than **April 30**.

Theme of Artwork: America the Beautiful

Contact: Devin Camacho at 970-317-6130 or devin.camacho@mail.house.gov with any questions.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

WHAT IS AN URBAN RENEWAL?



Paul Arbogast.
Courtesy photo.

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher
MONTROSE-At the federal level, urban renewal was funded by grants and loans from the Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD). Over the life of the program more than 1,200 cities received over 13 billion in grants, where between 1949 and 1967, of over 37,000 acres cleared only 17,00 had been, or were in the process of being redeveloped.

The concept for urban renewal started with removing “slums and blight.”

Often displacing low-income families in favor of providing housing for those with more money, as low-income housing did not raise property assessments for increased revenue.

This is often called gentrification, though in the case of a URA, it is forced gentrification rather than a natural process. Over the years local governments and developers moved away from removing “slums and blight” in favor of commercial development because it was seen as a better way to increase tax revenue.

Municipalities are using URAs, which were meant to remove blight and serious threats to public health, as a tool for gaining competitive advantage in economic development. Using the URA/TIF vehicle to offer public subsidies to private inter-

ests, for preferred economic development, is neither the intent nor the spirit of the laws regarding URAs.

Most municipalities with a URA claim that if it were not for the URA, businesses would not come. This can be shown to be a falsehood across the country. A study by economists Richard F. Dye and David E. Merriman ([here](#)) found evidence that TIF areas grow at the expense of other development and that municipalities that adopt TIF grow more slowly than those that do not.

Citizens across Colorado have been pushing back against this URA/TIF model, finding it is often abused as a way for cities to give away tax money for projects that never provide the promised outcomes. In Littleton in 2015, voters overwhelmingly passed Initiative 300, that requires voter approval for any urban renewal plan that utilizes TIF. Those opposed said it would kill development, but at a city council meeting in 2016, the city reported that their planning and development was “swamped.”

The citizens of Wheat Ridge passed their own version of Initiative 300. The voters of Windsor abolished the URA formed by that town board. In 2015 Steamboat Springs started the process of forming a URA/TIF, the citizens fought back and eventually the city council acquiesced and voted to kill their URA/TIF plan. All these cities have been enjoying economic growth without a URA, supporting the findings by Dye and Merriman.

Most URA’s use Tax Increment Financing

(TIF) to fund projects. A TIF works by redirecting part of the tax back to the municipality that has a URA for repayment of loans given.

The difference between taxes collected before and after ‘renewal’ is the increment, that is redirected to the municipality, and is revenue lost to the county, local school districts, and special districts the taxes would otherwise fund. In some cities they end up raising mill levies to make up for lost funds because of this tax redirection.

The Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) was formed by a resolution of the city council in 2016.

As of 2017 it has committed over 11 million dollars to the Colorado Outdoors project. The initial estimates and plan for the Colorado Outdoors project were done by Anderson Analytics in 2016. The numbers and estimates have been called into question in several MURA meetings, and requests for updates have been made. But the MURA board is still awaiting any updates with ‘more realistic’ numbers. Even though several MURA members continue to voice concerns about spending, most of them continue to vote to keep promising taxpayer money for a project that is already behind schedule and not producing the returns promised so far and may never.

If that is the case, it will join a long list of URA/TIF projects that have never delivered on the promises made and have landed on the shoulders of taxpayers across Colorado.





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SAN MIGUEL RESOURCE CENTER PLANNING 2021 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES



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*By Tanya Ishikawa
Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-National sexual assault awareness month is an annual campaign organized by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and observed by many local victims' resource centers and related organizations in April. The theme in 2021 is "We can build safe online spaces," and has the aim of decreasing harassment on social media and other venues on the internet.

"Harassment is a course of conduct which annoys, threatens, intimidates, alarms, or puts a person in fear of their safety. Harassment is repeated and targeted unwanted, unwelcomed and uninvited behavior that demeans, threatens or offends the victim and results in a hostile environment for the victim. Sexual harassment is simply harassment of a sexual nature," said Shannon Dean, executive director of the San Miguel Resource Center (SMRC) that serves clients in San Miguel County and the West End of Montrose County.

"There is a feeling of anonymity online that makes perpetrators of harassment and sexual harassment feel more empowered to harass others online. It can seem like 'this is ok because I don't even know

them,' but that just isn't the case. If you are being harassed online, it is a good idea to screenshot or otherwise document the harassment before blocking, muting, and reporting the perpetrator," Dean said. Documenting the harassment will be helpful if victims choose to report it to law enforcement. However, not everyone chooses to report harassment, especially sexual harassment. Similar to reporting sexual violence, the legal process can be traumatizing.

"The way in which first responders handle reports of sexual violence is key in increasing reporting. The Bureau of Justice Statistics issued a report that estimates that only 41 percent of violent victimizations were reported to police in 2018-2019. This is often due to the horrible ordeal that must be endured by the survivor in the aftermath of their abuse," she said.

One way that SMRC is addressing this issue is by establishing a CCR (Coordinated Community Response) Team comprised of local law enforcement agencies, advocate agencies like the center and the Dolphin House, and representatives from the District Attorney's office. The team meets quarterly to discuss closed cases that involved victimization and how processes

and interagency communication could be improved to better serve survivors.

The center is also leading an effort to train medical professionals at the Telluride Medical Center, the Uncompahgre Medical Center, and the Basin Clinic to become Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) and perform Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations (SAFEs) free of charge. This means that each region will have medical professionals who are specifically trained in best practices to care for sexual assault survivors and collect evidence if they choose to make a report. "Trauma-informed practices like these will have a huge impact on the overall feeling of safety when it comes to survivors reporting their victimization and getting the necessary care following an assault," she said.

The two SANEs at Telluride Medical Center are both female, and Dean said there is a need for male SANEs.

"We can only encourage medical professionals to attend the training. There's no way to ensure gender diversity among those who choose to get trained. To that end, I would ask that if there are male medical professionals from Basin or UMC who are interested in completing the training, to contact us," she requested.

If a male survivor does not feel comfortable with a female SANE, they can check with the hospitals in Grand Junction or Montrose to see if they have male examiners.

She added that exams are always voluntary, and that "part of the trauma-informed practice is for the (nurse) to ask for consent at each step of the exam and continuously throughout, ensuring the patients wellbeing. Advocates can also accompany a survivor during the exam, if the survivor chooses, for emotional support."

Whether or not survivors report harassment or assaults, she advises that all survivors seek emotional and mental support,

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because staying silent can have devastating effects.

Instead of April, SMRC participates in sexual assault awareness month during May as off-season wraps up, so is still solidifying its plans for next month. Past campaign themes have centered around consent, including last year's theme of digital consent.

"Many parents are uncomfortable when it comes to talking to their children about topics like consent and personal boundaries, especially when they are young, but this doesn't necessarily have to be a conversation about sex. Our prevention educators use examples like high fives by teaching students to ask, 'Can I have a high five?' and by asking families to normalize asking a child for a hug or other types of familial affection. This is coupled with teaching children that it is ok to say 'No, thanks' or 'Can you please give me some space?' This is a simple practice that sets the groundwork for more specific conversations when they are older," said

Dean.

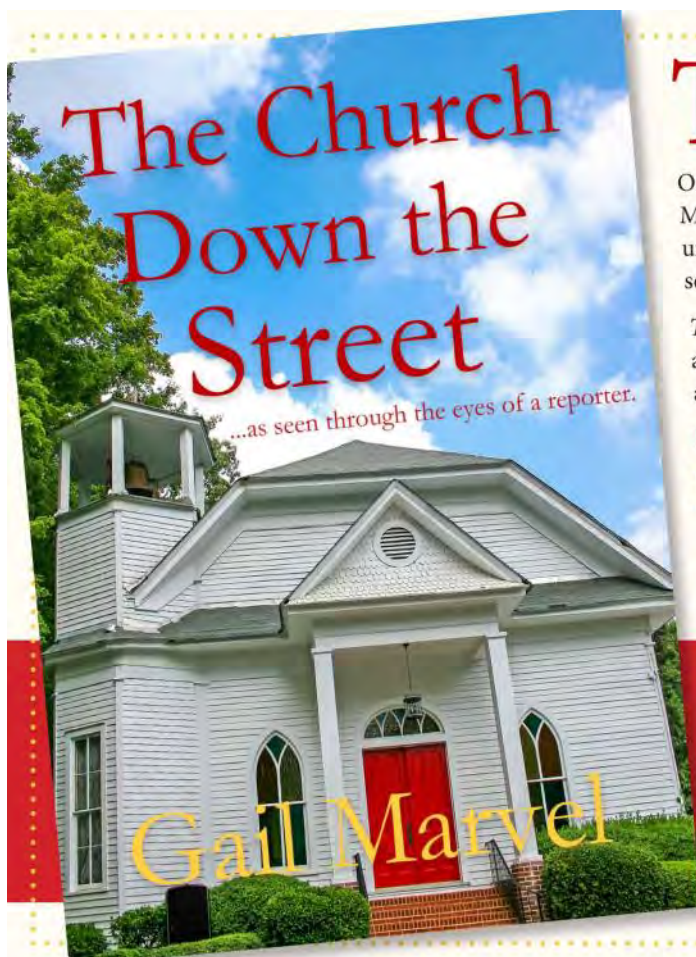
For an analogy to help people better understand consent, she points to a post that she found on Twitter, by a person with the handle of Nafisa. It starts out: "If you ask me for \$5, and I'm too drunk to say yes or no, it's not okay to then go take \$5 out of my purse ... Just because I didn't say no. To read the full post, go to <https://twitter.com/thatxxv/status/765559655649030144>.

Dean also recommends a video on YouTube called "Tea Consent" by Blue Seat Studios. "Consent must be clear, ongoing, coherent, and voluntary. A person cannot give consent if they are incapacitated. For clarification, here is the precise legal definition, taken from Title IX: A person is unable to consent when s/he is asleep, unconscious or is incapacitated due to the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication so that s/he could not understand the fact, nature or extent of the sexual activity. A person is incapacitated if s/he lacks the physical and/or mental ability

to make informed, rational decisions," she explained. "If you suspect that someone is incapacitated, or that you are incapacitated, consent cannot be given and sexual contact should always be immediately considered out of the question," she added. Alcohol and drugs have a huge impact on reporting in both domestic and sexual violence crimes, because many survivors, especially those who are underage or undocumented, choose not to make a report for fear that they will get in trouble for the alcohol or drug use, she said.

However, San Miguel County Sheriff, Bill Masters has clearly stated, "We don't care if they tell us they were drinking or whatever, that's not what we're interested in if they are reporting a sexual assault."

To get information or assistance for survivors or others impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, or related crimes, contact the San Miguel Resource Center: 24 Hour Help Line at 1-844-816-3915 and the Telluride Office at 970-728-5842.



The *Church Down the Street*, published pre-COVID, peers into the worship services of more than 70 churches, some of which have a weekly attendance of less than 10.

Organized in a topical format (Hospitality, Program & Source Material, Music, Meditations & Invitations, and The Message), the author uses an unbiased approach to allow readers to experience the worship service as seen through the eyes of a reporter.

The Church Down the Street contains anecdotes and stories from the actual worship services and asks thought-provoking questions that allow readers to draw their own conclusions.

Readers will:

- See strengths and weaknesses in the worship service
- Re-evaluate hospitality toward visitors
- Become more aware of source material used in the worship service
- Compare and contrast music presentations and selections
- Discern the value and content of the sermon.

Gail Marvel's book, *The Church Down the Street*, is available online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](https://www.wingedpublications.com).

GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author & Reporter



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY CELEBRATES EARTH WEEK WITH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Join in celebrating Earth Day (April 22) and Earth Week (April 22 – May 1, 2021) with a wide variety of events and community activities to raise awareness about how each member of the community can help preserve a healthy environment for themselves and future generations.

Each spring the City of Montrose sponsors and coordinates a full schedule of Earth Week activities. The theme for the 2021 celebration is "Restore Our Earth."

While it is easy to get swept up by our daily routines, this Earth Week the city encourages everyone to take time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful, scenic area that we call home.

The City of Montrose has planned a full schedule of COVID-safe Earth Week activi-

ties to involve the community in the annual celebration, running from April 22 through May 1.

Please be mindful of social distancing and mask requirements. We kindly ask you to stay home if you are sick.

A full list of local events include:

- Thursday, April 22: National Earth Day
- Friday, April 23: Niagara Community Garden Day
- Sunday, April 25 - River Cleanup Day
- Monday, April 26 - Take a Selfie with the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Day
- Tuesday, April 27 - Take a Hike Tuesday!
- Wednesday, April 28 - Adopt a Street
- Thursday, April 29 - Recycling 411 Day
- Friday, April 30 - National Arbor Day
- Friday, April 30 & Saturday, May 1: Spring Cleanup


A full review of Earth Week information

can be found here:


www.cityofmontrose.org/EarthWeek
2021 Coloring Contest for K through Grade 5

The City of Montrose, in partnership with Shavano Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), presents the annual Earth Day coloring contest. The contest will run through April 30.

This year marks the 15th year that the NRCS has sponsored the coloring contest. The NRCS Earth Team utilizes volunteer time, talent, and energy to help accomplish the NRCS mission of helping people help the land. Through a board of local farmers and ranchers, the Shavano Conservation District serves as grassroots leadership to the NRCS. Download the coloring contest form [here](#).



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GUNNISON RANGER DISTRICT ANNOUNCES SPRING ROAD CLOSURES

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GUNNISON-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Gunnison Ranger District has begun to close spring closure gates which are intended to protect the roads from resource damage and to reduce the need for additional maintenance.

Roads closed for mud season restrictions are not open to the public for motorized travel until road conditions are dry.

-The Gunnison Ranger District also has the following annual wildlife closures for big game and Gunnison sage-grouse protection:

-Almont Triangle (closed to all public uses Dec. 1 – May 15)

-Flat Top Mountain (closed to motorized travel Dec. 1 – June 15)

-Steers Gulch/Antelope (closed to motorized travel Jan. 1 – June 30).

-As a reminder, when trails and roads are muddy or soft, please STAY OFF.

Anytime visible ruts are being formed resource damage can be occurring.

Ruts create channels where water flows, causing fine sediments to wash off the road and into aquatic habitat.

Rutted out roads can also significantly increase maintenance costs.

Road/Gate status will be posted at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gmug/alerts-notice/?cid=stelprdb5421602>.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S UPDATE ON APRIL 9, 2021 OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Delta County Coroner's Office and the Delta County Sheriff's Office have identified the deceased female involved in the April 9, 2021 Officer involved shooting as Paige Pierce (Schmidt), a 26-year-old female from Austin, Colorado.

Coroner Lance Boren and Sheriff Mark Taylor ask the public to respect the privacy of Paige's family. The Delta County Sheriff's Office asks for privacy for the deputy involved as well, by letting the investigation conclude. Sheriff Taylor is committed to full transparency at the conclusion of the investigation when all information is available. At this time, the Deputy involved will not be named until the 7th Judicial Critical Incident Team submits a final report to the 7th Judicial District Attorney, and the DA reports his findings.

ENJOY YOUR FOREST SERVICE ROADS; ASSIST IN PROTECTING YOUR NATURAL RESOURCE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Please assist us in protecting natural resources. During this time of year, please stay off wet roads and respect road closures, which will decrease long-term and costly damages to the roadway. -The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests are experiencing the transition from winter to spring. Snow is melting and the temperatures are comfortable for exploring Forest Service roads.

-As the snow melts, its runoff naturally chooses the path of least resistance, which is typically the ditch line on either side of Forest Service roads. When there is still snow in the ditches, the water tends

to flow down the road instead. Forest Service roads are designed to handle the additional moisture during this time, although the water saturating into the roadway causes soft roadbeds.

-When vehicles drive on soft roadbeds, they cause rutting. The ruts allow water to flow freely down the roadway causing both seen and unseen damage to the road.

-Protecting the road until it is dry enough to prevent damage is a primary reason for gate closures during April and May. During these closures we monitor the roadway regularly to ensure the gates are closed for the minimum amount of time needed.

-Ongoing damage to roads can lead to a

variety of negative outcomes including erosion, wildlife habitat damage and a loss of access due to travel becoming too hazardous or rehabilitation closures.

-For information on current conditions and road closures visit the GMUG National Forests' website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/gmug/home> or call your local Forest Service office.

For information on National Forest System lands call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests at 970-874-6600, visit the GMUG Forest website (www.fs.usda.gov/gmug), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GMUG.NF>) or Twitter (https://twitter.com/GMUG_NF)

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STATEWIDE NEWS RELEASES: BUSINESS

COLORADO WELLNESS BRAND STUVZ DONATES 1,000 BOTTLES OF HAND SANITIZER TO SAINT VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Stuvz, a Colorado-based wellness brand promoting safe connections, has donated more than 1,000 bottles of its premium hand sanitizer to the Saint Vrain Valley School District. The donation provides every teacher in the district with the USA-made hand sanitizer, reaching 28 schools and over 1,000 classrooms in Longmont, Colo., and neighboring communities.

"Stuvz was created with the mission to make our communities and our connections with others safer," says founder Dale Katechis.

"As students return to school, we want to do our part to make sure that they're re-joining the classrooms safely without added stress on teachers."

The donation to Saint Vrain Valley School District is the latest effort of the company's StuvzLuvz program. A critical component of the Stuvz brand, StuvzLuvz helps those in need, including non-profits, teachers associations, emergency services, and everyday individuals who could use a hand.

"Philanthropy is a core pillar of Stuvz, and



Through its StuvzLuvz program, Stuvz equips teachers in 28 schools in the SVV School District with hand sanitizer. Courtesy photo.

our guerilla-style approach to charity manifests via spontaneous acts of kindness for deserving people and groups. No qualifiers, no agenda, no bias. Just spreading the love via good old fashioned Stuvz," says Katechis.

Stuvz's liquid foaming sanitizer is made with premium ingredients, including hyaluronic acid and jojoba esters, leaving hands hydrated, replenished, and smooth after each use. FDA registered, made in

the USA, and with 62% ethyl alcohol, it meets the Center for Disease Control's recommended concentration.

With elegant packaging, a foam dispenser, and vibrant brand colors, Stuvz hand sanitizer is a bag and car staple that is sure to spark joy and be a new favorite of the hands of family and friends.

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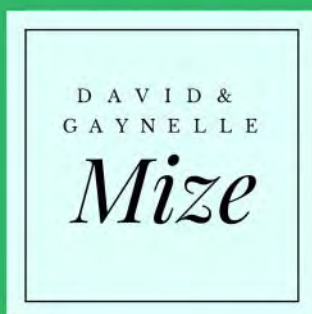
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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

PAIGE YVONNE PIERCE

April 6, 1995-April 9, 2021

PAIGE YVONNE PIERCE passed away Friday, April 9, 2021, in Delta County, Colorado. She was 26 years old.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2021, at 1st Baptist Church of Delta, Colorado.

Paige was born on April 6, 1995, to Eldonna Sue Anders and Boyd Schmidt in Grand Junction, Colorado. She was a lifelong resident of Delta, Colorado. She was baptized December 30, 2001, at 1st Baptist Church of Delta and her love of Jesus never faltered. Paige graduated with two college credits and a 3.9 GPA in 2013. She earned her CNA certificate. She married Jacob Pierce in Delta, Colorado. Paige had a way of making a person feel they were the most special person in the world. She was a smart girl and surprised

people in conversation with her knowledge of different subjects as she was an avid reader and loved learning. Paige loved music and was very artistic in drawing, writing stories, poems, and everyone loved to hear her play the piano. She was always a defender of the less fortunate and would judge nobody. She could make people laugh. She loved taking care of the elderly and babies.

Paige is survived by her mother Ellie Anders of Austin, father Boyd Schmidt of Ouray, her husband Jacob Pierce of Cedaredge, her brother Robbie Schmidt of Austin, uncle Shane Anders, and grandfather Eldon Anders (Jewel Noderud).

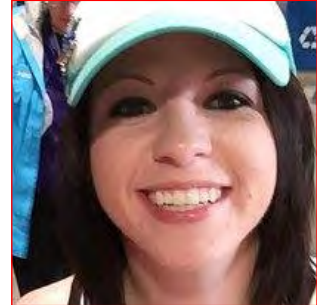
Paige was preceded in death by her grandmother Patsy Lovato and uncle Vaughn Anders.

Paige was loved by many and her presence of lighting up a room will be missed.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory, 682 1725 Road Delta, CO 81416. To help pay for the funeral.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory.

View the internet obituary and sign the online guest registry at taylorfuneral-service.com



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

TONY APPELHANZ

May 31, 1930- April 8, 2021



Lifelong Montrose resident Tony Appelhanz passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the age of 90. Tony was born in Shavano Valley, May 31, 1930 to John and Mary (Unrein) Appelhanz.

He grew up in the Olathe and Montrose area. Tony attended school in Olathe until his senior year of high school, when the family moved to the farm at Riverside. He graduated from Montrose High School in 1948, but was considered a part of both graduating classes. Tony joined the Colorado National Guard in 1948 and was honorably discharged in 1957.

Along with his dad and brothers, Tony farmed and ranched. Tony was a member of the Holly Sugar Beet Board when the sugar beets were raised in the valley. The family also raised beer barley which was

used to make Coors Beer. Cattle were added to the business with the family raising mainly Herefords. Throughout his lifetime Tony saw the advancement in agriculture. As a child he used a team of horses to work the fields and saw the development of more mechanized equipment as the years went by. Towards the end of his farming career he started Base Products and began selling gravel in the area in 1995. He could be found in the gravel pit running equipment up until his retirement.

Music was a big part of Tony's life. He played the accordion, trumpet, piano and drums. He was a member of The Key Notes, a jazz band that played across the Western Slope, in which he played the drums. Many afternoons were spent with Tony playing his favorite jazz tunes on the piano.

On April 30, 1960, Tony married his wife of 60 years Marion Myers. They had four children Matt, Amy, Tracy and Laura. As a family they worked the farm and ranch from irrigating, pulling weeds, moving cows, and working on the farm equipment.

He was also a large part of the 4-H Community as all three daughters were members. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and treated the other kids like his own.

Tony also enjoyed spending time with his thirteen grandkids. From gardening, raising livestock, to music Tony was always willing to give advice. He also shared many stories of his life with them which always included a life lesson.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents

John and Mary Appelhanz, sister Mary Jo Kubin, brother George Appelhanz, and brother Albert Appelhanz.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Marion of Montrose, son Matt and wife Mary of Anchor Point, Alaska, daughter Amy Vandyke and husband Terry of Clifton, daughter Tracy Reed and husband Bret of Montrose, and daughter Laura Castle and husband Jared also of Montrose.

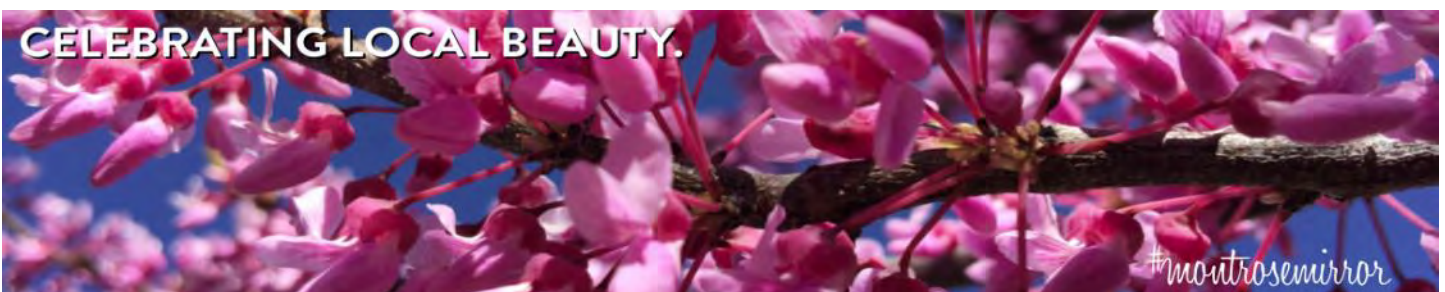
He is also survived by his thirteen grandchildren, Sarah (Dan) Ravin, Tom Appelhanz, Doren Vandyke, Adriane Appelhanz, Chance Vandyke, Tony Appelhanz, Lyndsey Appelhanz, Sebastian Appelhanz, Caleb Appelhanz, Katrina Appelhanz, Tyler Reed, Tanner Castle, and Kolt Reed.

He is also survived by his brother John E. Appelhanz of Montrose, sister Eleanor Schlauger of Grand Junction, brother Edward Appelhanz of Montrose, brother-in-law George Kubin of Olathe, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Tony's family would like to thank all the special people who helped take care of him: Missy, Maria, Jennifer, Sam, Racheal, Rebekah, and Rose.

A visitation/rosary will occur on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30-6:30 pm at Crippin Funeral Home. Services were held at Crippin Funeral Home in Montrose on Friday, April 16, 2021 with burial at Grand View Cemetery.

Tony's family would like to thank all the special people who helped take care of him: Missy, Maria, Jennifer, Sam, Racheal, Rebekah, and Rose. In lieu of flowers please donate in Tony's Memory to HopeWest Hospice 725 S 4th Montrose, CO 81401.



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MONTE HAUGLAND

April 25, 1945-April 1, 2021

On Thursday, April 1, 2021, Monte Wayne Haugland was called home at the age 75. The world lost a great husband, father, grandfather, uncle and brother.

Monte was born in New Rockford, North Dakota, on April 25, 1945 to Melvin and Inez Haugland. Monte spent his youth working on the family farm near Mchenry, North Dakota. In 1968, he was drafted into the US Army and later became a sergeant with the 101st Airborne. In 1969, Monte received the purple heart after he was wounded during the battle of Hamburger Hill while serving in the Vietnam War.

After coming home, Monte attended the University of Wisconsin at River Falls, Wisconsin where he obtained a degree in Agricultural Engineering and met his future wife, Linda Verhulst (Haugland). Monte and Linda eventually settled in central Wisconsin where they raised four children.

In the summer of 1999, Monte and Linda (along with the rest of the family) moved out to Montrose, Colorado where they built their home.

While in Colorado, Monte worked for the Bureau of Land Management provid-

ing maintenance to different sites throughout the western slope, a job he really enjoyed until his retirement 2011.

Monte was known for his great sense of humor, his unmatched energy and strong work ethic. He enjoyed working on his property, fixing things, being with his family, his dog Samson and donkey Homer.

Monte was preceded in death by his parents Melvin and Inez Haugland, Brother Donald Haugland, son Kurt Haugland and nephew Travis Robinson. Monte is survived by his wife of 47 years Linda Haugland of Montrose, Colorado; son, Jeff and wife Cara Haugland of Torrington, Wyoming; daughter, Rachal and husband Matt Walsh of Greeley, Colorado; and son, Kevin and wife Maris Haugland of Fort Collins, Colorado. Monte was also a dearly loved grandfather to Samantha, Reghan, Paisley, Logan and Cody.

Monte is also survived by his brother Keith Haugland of Bozeman, Montana and five sisters: Mary Lee Robinson of Valley City, North Dakota; Jean Evelsage of Big Lake, Minnesota; Betty Johnson of Shell Lake, Wisconsin; Bonnie Kaufman



of Camp Verde, Arizona and Nancy Seckora of Spooner, Wisconsin.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. 970-249-2121 The family is planning a memorial service on June 12, 2021 at Colona Community Church for both Monte and Kurt Haugland.

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COTTONWOOD ELEMENTARY 4TH GRADER LAUNCHES SHOE COLLECTION DRIVE TO RAISE MONEY FOR NATIONAL YOUTH STEM CAMP*Donations will help support micro-enterprises in developing nations, reduce what goes into landfills**Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Uriah Bogart, a 4th grade student at Cottonwood Elementary School is conducting a shoe drive until May 30, 2021 to raise funds for tuition to attend the Envisions National Youth Leadership STEM Camp in Denver CO. Uriah will earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. Those dollars will benefit not only his camp tuition but 24 developing nations micro-enterprises. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes at the following locations:

In Montrose: Montrose Rec Center, Cedar Point Health S5th and Nevada locations, Cottonwood Elementary School, or local pick up can be arranged.

In Grand Junction: Frame Depot

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of

microenterprise partners in developing nations.

Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras, Peru and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive; we know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like donate to us and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient. It's a win-win for everyone," added mom, Andrea Bogart.

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to help Uriah go to camp, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives. In addition to keeping them out of the landfills.



Cottonwood 4th grader Uriah Bogart. Courtesy photo.

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

KEEP COLORADO'S WILDLIFE WILD: LEAVE YOUNG WILDLIFE ALONE



Picture of a baby moose by Gary Kochel.

DENVER - How can you help the next generation of young wildlife? Leave them alone! If you see an injured animal, call your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office. Do not approach, move or feed the animal.

Each spring, Colorado welcomes an abundance of new young wildlife across the state. As wildlife becomes more visible in backyards, trails and open spaces, CPW and local parks receive an increase of office visits and calls from concerned people who report they "rescued" young wildlife that appeared "abandoned" by adult animals.

Although reports are made with good intentions, people routinely orphan young wildlife by essentially kidnapping them and bringing them to CPW offices. Deer, elk and pronghorn mothers hide their young for long periods of time while foraging. Young that have been removed cannot be successfully returned to the wild, as the mother will not continue searching

for a missing baby or reject it because it was handled by humans and may no longer smell like her baby. People that feed, touch or remove wildlife from their natural environment are actually causing them harm and may even cause the death of that animal.

"What humans might misinterpret as "abandonment" is actually wild animals living a healthy, wild life," said CPW District Wildlife Manager Katie Doyle. "Young wildlife are frequently left alone in a safe location while adult animals search for food. It's also common for baby birds to sit outside of their nest as they grow bigger and learn to fly. Humans should not approach baby wild animals, because the mother is probably nearby and might attack if she thinks her young are in danger."

Spring can be a particularly sensitive time for wildlife since many species are nesting, having their young or coming out of hibernation. CPW recommends people give



Courtesy photo by Gary Kochel.

young wildlife space, keep dogs leashed when enjoying dog-friendly trails and do not feed or remove young animals from their natural habitat.

"Wild animals have complex digestive systems and some human food is toxic to animals," said Karen Fox, CPW wildlife pathologist. "Last year, we saw an increase in reports of people feeding animals by their homes and the animals becoming sick or aggressive. We want to remind people that under Colorado law, feeding wildlife is illegal because it puts an animal's health and safety in danger."

Colorado provides a diverse and robust wildlife ecosystem.

CPW encourages people outdoors to enjoy wildlife from a safe distance and treasure the growing natural wilderness that surrounds us.

Please help spread the word on the importance of leaving young wildlife alone and use materials from our media package to educate people on how to keep Colorado's wildlife wild.

For more information on how to live in harmony with wildlife, read CPW's online resources:

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES' YEAR WITHOUT KNOCKING ON DOORS

Special to Art & Sol

NATIONWIDE—It's been one year since Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide adjusted their hallmark methods of sharing comfort and hope from the scriptures due to the pandemic. For many, the change from ringing doorbells and knocking on doors to making phone calls and writing letters expanded and invigorated their ministry.

"Witnesses have embraced this shift, finding the good in these trying times," said Joseph Castano, who reports a 30 percent increase in the Witnesses' preaching activity in his region of northern Virginia and nearby parts of West Virginia. "In fact, I hear many saying, 'I'm able to do more now.'" In March 2020, the some 1.3 million Witnesses in the United States suspended their door-to-door and face-to-face forms of public ministry and moved congregation meetings to videoconferencing. "It has been a very deliberate decision based on two principles: our respect for life and love of neighbor," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "But we are still witnesses and, as such, we must testify about our faith. So it was inevitable that we would find a way to continue our work."

In the bitterly cold winters of Arden Hills, Minnesota, Terri Whitmore normally bundles up for the door-to-door ministry in a long down coat and snow boots—sometimes with removable cleats to help navigate icy sidewalks.

Now she sits at her dining room table, sips on hot tea, and calls people on her cell phone to share the same message. In December, she conducted more than twice as many Bible studies than in any prior month.

"I'm having a blast," she said. "After a nice phone call, it energizes you. You can't wait to make the next call." Her "go-to" topics for conversation with her neighbors are COVID-19, civil unrest, and government. "Some people feel like they have nothing secure to hold on to," she said. "The power of God's word is amazing. You can just share a scripture and you feel like they're settling down."

Nearly 51,000 people in the United States last year made a request for a Witness to

contact them, either through a local congregation or jw.org, the organization's official website, according to Hendriks.

Since the outbreak, the Witnesses have followed up on these requests via letters and phone calls instead of in-person visits.

"Our love for our neighbors is stronger than ever," said Hendriks. "In fact, I think we have needed each other more than ever. We are finding that people are perplexed, stressed, and feeling isolated. Our work has helped many regain a sense of footing—even normalcy—at a very unsettled time."

It was nearly 33 years ago that Jason Davault vowed to do the Lord's work as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He could be seen preaching from door to door and standing with a cart displaying Bible-based literature. The 51-year-old Montrose, Colorado, resident spoke fondly of working along with his friends as they shared the Bible's message in the community.

Then came the pandemic. Davault, keeping his vow, said his preaching activity now "consists of letter writing, primarily, with some phone calls and text messages." This adjustment has been a life lesson that has taught him how "to adapt to changing circumstances."

Before the pandemic, Davault expressed Bible studies and the door to door ministry were his favorite ways to preach. For now, though, Davault says that the adjustments have made him better. He now thinks more about what will appeal to those he reaches out to in his area. According to him, a lesson in being adaptable has helped him "better understand what people go through."

In the rural areas of Salina, Kansas, where the wheat and corn fields stretch for acres, the Milbradt family sometimes drives miles from one house to the next to reach their neighbors. Now, instead of buying gasoline to fill up their vehicle for the ministry, they spend money on paper, envelopes, stamps, and crayons. "We look for ways to add variety to our ministry," said Zeb Milbradt. He and his wife, Jenny, help their boys—Colton, eight, and Benjamin, six—write letters to children's book authors, local police, and hospital work-

ers. Sometimes the boys even include with the letters hand-drawn pictures of the Bible's promise of a global paradise.

"We've been able to get the message to people who we wouldn't necessarily reach otherwise," said Jenny Milbradt.

A letter Benjamin sent to nurses at a regional health center included a quote from the Bible's prophecy at Isaiah 33:24 of a coming time when no one will say, "I am sick." The center's marketing secretary replied to Benjamin, informing him that she scanned and emailed his letter to 2,000 employees. It "made so many people smile," she said.

Witnesses have also made a concerted effort to check on distant friends and family—sometimes texting links to Bible-based articles on jw.org that cover timely topics, such as isolation, depression, and how to beat pandemic fatigue.

"Former Bible students have started studying again," said Tony Fowler, who helps organize the ministry in the northern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

"Colleagues at work have now started to show interest. Some have started Bible studies with family members who showed very little interest before the pandemic."

Castano has been reaching out to Witnesses who had long ago stopped associating with fellow Witnesses. "The pandemic has reignited their spirituality," he said, adding that many are attending virtual meetings with some sharing in telephone witnessing and letter writing even after decades of inactivity. "It's been pretty outstanding," he said.

Fowler and Castano both report about a 20 percent increase in online meeting attendance. But perhaps the most significant growth is in an area that cannot be measured by numbers.

"I think we've grown as a people," Fowler said. "We've grown in appreciation for other avenues of the ministry, our love for our neighbor, and love for one another. We're a stronger people because of all of this, and that's a beautiful thing to see."

For more information on the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses, visit their website jw.org, with content available in over 1,000 languages.



Mental Illness and the CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

People with mental illness deserve help, not handcuffs. Yet people with mental illness are overrepresented in our nation's jails and prisons. We need to reduce criminal justice system involvement and increase investments in mental health care.

About **2 million** times each year, people with serious mental illness are booked into jails.



About **2 in 5** people who are incarcerated have a **history of mental illness** (37% in state and federal prisons and 44% held in local jails).

66% of women in prison reported having a history of mental illness, **almost twice the percentage of men** in prison.



Nearly **1 in 4** people shot and killed by police officers between 2015–2020 had a mental health condition.

Suicide is the **leading cause of death** for people held in local jails.



An estimated **4,000 people** with serious mental illness are held in solitary confinement inside U.S. prisons.

COMMUNITIES



YOUTH

70% of youth in the juvenile justice system have a diagnosable mental health condition.

Youth in detention are **10x more likely** to suffer from psychosis than youth in the community.

About **50,000 veterans** are held in local jails — 55% report experiencing mental illness.



VETERANS



PEOPLE OF COLOR

Among incarcerated people with a mental health condition, **non-white individuals** are more likely to be held in solitary confinement, be injured and **stay longer in jail**.

ACCESS TO CARE

About **3 in 5 people** (63%) with a history of mental illness do not receive mental health treatment while incarcerated in state and federal prisons.



45%

Less than half of people with a history of mental illness **receive mental health treatment** while held in local jails.

People who **have health care coverage** upon release from incarceration are more likely to **engage in services that reduce recidivism**.



Data from the U.S. Department of Justice and other select sources. Find citations for this resource at nami.org/mhstats

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FAITH COLUMN: DEACON SPEAKIN' WITH DWIGHT HARP

AN ANCIENT RULE REMAINS RELEVANT TODAY



Anglican Deacon Dwight Harp. Courtesy photo.

By Dwight Harp

MONTROSE—"A piece of Cake!"

So went my thinking when exploring "What does the 'Golden Rule' really mean?" as a suggested topic.

Even a cursory biblical survey shows more than a quote of Jesus in Matthew. (Matt 7:12) "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you..." It is also found in Luke (Lk 6:31). "Do to others as you would have them do to you..." Jesus is reflecting on the Scriptures of His day, The Torah (Leviticus 19:18). "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Many people claim that the Golden Rule was first stated/invented by Jesus. Jesus may have stated it positively while others may have stated it negatively but, all the major religions have a similar rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," although not always in those words, their meanings are similar.

This is more than a suggestion to "Be good!"

I've tried to live by this rule. I'll bet you have too. When we mess up we say I'm sorry and try to make amends, straighten up and go on from there.

The Tale of The Eloquent Peasant from

ancient Egypt circa 2000 BCE says, "Do for one who may do for you, that you may cause him thus to do."

Buddhism circa 500 BCE "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." and Confucianism from about the same time "What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to another," have Golden Rule (ish) sentiments. Socrates came along about a hun-

dred years later with "Do not do to others what would anger you if done to you by others." This list is not exhaustive.

A neighbor boy might say to one of his playmates, "If you smack me, I'll smack you back." That would be a negative Golden Rule. What's truly interesting is that all decent people (not just believers in God) adopt a rule like the Golden Rule.

In recent conversation with a biblical scholar I mentioned that the "Golden Rule" was pretty ubiquitous. He quickly chided me by saying, "the Christian and Jewish religions have the Golden Rule (positively stated) and the others profess what he called the Silver Rule (negatively stated). This compelled me to research further.

Yes, there are Silver Rules. Most on the preceding list would fall basically into this category. Some psychologists decided to tweak the absolute Bedrock Rule (Jesus' Golden Rule). Traveling down this tweaked rule road interested me.

The Platinum Rule, attributed to Dave Kerpen, a NY Times best seller and a serial entrepreneur goes like this: "...we should do unto others the way they want us to do unto them." The Platinum Rule accommodates the feelings of others. The focus of relationships shifts from "this is what I

want, so I'll give everyone the same thing" to: "let me first understand what they want and then I'll give it to them."

Evolving into a much higher level of communication effectiveness requires that you recognize what drives each individual. Deal with others the way they want/need to be dealt with. Learn how to do this by listening more than talking. This puts the Platinum Rule into practice.

Further down the Rule Trail we find the Titanium Rule: "Do unto others according to their druthers." (as they would like you to do). We do learn people's druthers by observing them, asking questions, watching mannerisms, noticing their manner of dressing, reading their cues, noticing preferences they have, etc.

In the Diamond Rule, you treat others as they wish YOU to treat them. The "you" in this case is the individual "you." Who you are and what you bring to the table in contrast to the Platinum rule would have us all treat the person we're interacting with the same way that others do. e. g. "I like the funny stories you tell." Others might not have that talent.

No matter the flavor of the rule, the basis it seems for them all is a call for empathy.

I'm going out on a pretty sturdy limb when I suggest a moral system; one that would spawn a Rule, if not based on widespread empathy, (not just empathy toward the small circle of one's own friends and family) isn't really about morality. Additionally, one author views the concept of the Golden Rule as a formula of conduct that most completely embodies the distinctiveness of morality.

I now return to my Christian roots. The Luther Seminary website states, "Because human beings are made in the image of God, those who are called to emulate God's holiness (by adhering to a *moral* Rule), are to do so by acting with mercy and love toward their fellow human beings."

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

GMUG WELCOMES NEW STAFF OFFICER



The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce Sean Ferrell as the new Renewable Resources Staff Officer. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce Sean Ferrell as the new Renewable Resources Staff Officer. Ferrell joins the GMUG from the Camino Real Ranger District of the Carson National Forest in Peñasco, New Mexico where he served as the District Ranger. Ferrell will replace former Staff Officer, Clay Speas who retired April 9.

Sean started his career in the Forest Service as a volunteer on the Tongass National Forest in Alaska monitoring salmon re-

turns. For the next 18 years he worked on fish recovery on National Forests in Colorado, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington. Ferrell also served as the Natural Resource Staff Officer and Forest Partnerships program manager on the Deschutes National Forest in Bend, Oregon, where he launched an award-winning Children's Forest and Friends group. Sean's collaborative vision to reach over 30,000 children in central Oregon helped create the group which consisted of over 25 partners. The nonprofit group was successful in securing multiple funding opportunities and enabled smaller organizations to partner with the coalition and grow their base of operations.

As a result, children learned about their local environment while learning a variety of trades, their parents received new outdoor equipment to explore nature with, outdoor meet up groups were established for new parents, children were given opportunities to grow native plants in greenhouses they managed and participate in restoration and an internship program was created that provided jobs for local youth and young adults. Overall, the group enhanced the social equity of the communities, created a stronger economic base,

improved children's wellness and empowered their youth to be future leaders for the environment.

In 2019, Sean spent four months on the GMUG serving as the Deputy Forest Supervisor. "I am honored to be returning to the GMUG and taking on this leadership position," said Ferrell. "I look forward to working with our communities, partners, stakeholders and the GMUG family to manage the land for multiple use in such a phenomenal area. The Western Slope is a diverse melting pot of interests and resources and I'm grateful to help facilitate ideas that will ensure these resources are sustained for unborn generations. This is an extraordinary opportunity to give back to a place I love."

"We are very excited to have Sean join the GMUG team again. Sean will be a great addition. His experience and passion for public lands is invaluable" said Chad Stewart, GMUG Forest Supervisor.

Sean is a native of Colorado and a graduate of Fort Lewis College.

During his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife Anne and their daughter, backpacking, hiking and being a part-time documentary filmmaker.

Sean began his new role April 12.



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ONGOING-

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the PIC Place 5:30-7pm. Please call Kathy at 520-282-9060 for more information.

MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET is a gathering of vendors selling local fruit, vegetables, meat, crafts, and more. **Date and time:** Alternate Saturdays from 10 am-1 pm—every other weekend starting Jan. 9th 2021

Location: Montrose Centennial Plaza and Centennial Meeting Room, 15-99 S Uncompahgre Ave, Montrose, CO 81401

Cost: Free to attend. Curbside service is still available in the winter season!

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY-Every Wednesday beginning Sept. 2, 2020, through April, 2021 - Community Bible Study live virtual meetings mornings and evenings: gospel of John. Classes for women and children. Call 720-635-0091 for more information or to register.

MONTROSE ALTRUSA-1st Tuesday of the month Program meeting; 2nd Tuesday of the month committee meeting; 3rd Tuesday of the month Business meeting. Meetings are held at the Hampton Inn conference room at Noon.

MONTHLY

April 19-22-Annual Partners West online Auction. <https://partners-west.auctionanything.com/home.taf>

April 21-2021 Ridgway Youth Volunteer & Career Fair. 11 a.m. to Noon at the Ridgway Secondary School. Admission \$20; free to Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce members. Registration deadline is April 14. Get [more details](#).

May 3-The Giving Club will meet at the Bridges at 5:30 p.m. After four years and one quarter, The Giving Club has given to local nonprofits a total of \$217,000. To donate on May 3 please bring \$100 per person.

May 4-The San Juan Nonprofit Council announces a workshop, "Deconstructing Equity," taking place via zoom on Tuesday, May 4, from 9-11 a.m. Presenting will be Dr. Nita Mosby-Tyler, founder of The Equity Project in Denver. Registration is \$25 and attendance will be limited, so we encourage early registration. If you wish to register, email maryo@cfigv.org and she will send you the registration link.

May 6-Virtual QPR Suicide Prevention, Thursday, May 6, 2021, Noon to 1:30 pm. This class covers the three steps (question, persuade, refer) that anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. It is based on the QPR Institute's industry-leading approach to suicide prevention. Trainees receive a QPR booklet and wallet card as a review and resource tool that includes local referral resources within one hour before training via email.

Limited to 20 people. Register at: <https://www.centermh.org/classes/>

May 14-FAB Conference & Awards. For, about, and by women. 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Holiday Inn Montrose. Call 970-765-0913 for more information. Hello@ourtownmatters.net

May 21-The Montrose High School Baccalaureate will be Friday, May 21 at 4:30 p.m., at Grace Community Church in Montrose (16731 Woodgate Road).

June 3- Virtual QPR Suicide Prevention Noon to 1:30 p.m. This class covers the three steps (question, persuade, refer) that anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. It is based on the QPR Institute's industry-leading approach to suicide prevention. Trainees receive a QPR booklet and wallet card as a review and resource tool that includes local referral resources within one hour before training via

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MIRROR IMAGES: MONTROSE HORSE RACES

By Jennifer McClanahan

Photographer Jennifer McClanahan captured these images of her "peeps" at the Montrose County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 17, including rider Brian Dickerson of Olathe, at right.



THE STARS HAVE ALIGNED...FOR BUSINESS SELLERS, BUYERS & LENDERS!

Federal Relief Expected to Re-Ignite Urgency and Demand

The CARES Act Debt Relief Program, which allows business buyers to take advantage of an SBA loan, has been extended under the Consolidated Appropriations Act. Keep reading to learn why this extension is great news for entrepreneurs looking to buy or sell a business.

Prospective buyers have even more leverage with an SBA loan:

- **6 months of SBA loan payment forgiveness** for loans closed after February 1, 2021. This includes principal and interest up to a maximum of \$9,000 per month.
- **The SBA is waiving the guaranty fee charged to lenders** and passed on to borrowers. This fee is typically around 3% and is now zero for loans closed after February 1, 2021.
- **The SBA is increasing the loan guarantee to lenders** from 75% to 90%, which decreases risk to lenders. Along with new wording allowing lenders to adjust for temporary COVID-19 downturns, lenders should be able to take on additional risk. It is important to note the minimum buyer down payment of 10% remains unchanged.

Business owners considering selling their business benefit from the current market conditions:

- **There are many more buyers than sellers.** Buyer activity is at record levels, according to BizBuySell's Insight Report, while supply is limited. With this dynamic, businesses are selling at record prices, exceeding pre-pandemic levels.
- **SBA-financed buyers are able to take advantage** of significant benefits and are likely to outbid cash buyers seeking discounted prices.
- **Further guidance** for PPP loan forgiveness and tax reporting has been released so the seller does not need to worry about a PPP loan liability. The loan forgiveness process for first draw and second draw PPP loans less than \$150,000 is greatly simplified and provides full tax deductibility of business expenses on forgiven PPP loans.

In addition to the benefits for business buyers and sellers, the stars have also aligned for SBA lenders!

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